

NEWS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. Carl DeHaven Grace, 200 S. honorably discharged from the Narberth Ave., arrived home last Sunday on 30 days leave from Italy.

Lt. (jg) Thomas Sawyer, 404 Haverford Ave., is home on 30 days leave after 18 months in the South Pacific.

T. Sgt. James Gallagher, 108 Merion Ave., returned from the European Theater on June 21. After three years in the service, and engaged in four major incursions, Sgt. Gallagher has been

Lt. (jg) John Welsh, 114 Avon Rd., is home on 30 days leave from the South Pacific.

Lt. Robert H. Crowell, recently returned from the South Pacific, will be stationed at Marine barracks at Washington indefinitely.

Commander Joseph C. Snyder called his parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. Snyder of N. Narberth Ave., from California last Sunday, while enroute back to the South Pacific.

—Listening In—

The Election Is Over But The Talk Goes On...

Lower Merion's campaign to nominate Walter T. Hammond as Lower Merion treasurer against the veteran incumbent, Peter C. Hess, was a cold, calculated procedure.

Over in Haverford Township, where the Delaware County Republican Organization forces were arrayed against State Senator Weldon B. Heyburn and his backer, Joseph N. Pew, Jr., Ardmore, in the nomination of an Orphans Court judge it was a high-pressure engagement with all the stops of the ballyhoo organ open wide.

In Narberth it was different. It always has been. Narberth, compact and neighborly—goes for the close-in type of fighting when they nominate or elect. Underneath everything that can be used is used against a candidate. There is plenty of verbal bloodshed and even in the case of the magistrate tiff there were threats of fistfights or two contending Republican leaders.

Probably one of the elements that made Narberth's contest between Fred Walzer and Vincent Colelli a vigorous affair was the fact that two conflicts were involved: some persons voted on the candidates and the personalities involved; others on the principles and issues.

Republican Organization committee members and political job holders are not too happy about the outcome. They won but they were hoping for a more convincing margin.

The intra-party dispute was so bad and the outcome so indecisive that the Democrats as well as some Republicans are feeling their oats over the outcome.

Joseph T. Magarity, Democratic committeeman of Narberth's First District, said this week:

"Louis de Lou is now the Republican boss of Narberth. Louis brought his voters from Iona Ave. by the railroad. Colelli knew they were coming and was on hand to make sure they marked their ballots in the right way. I have helped to count the ballots in the First District for many years and I know how they come out of the box. If the polls had closed at five o'clock Walzer would have been away out in front. At that hour the big parade started and Colelli got at least 80 per cent of the votes cast. The Republican Organization did not elect Colelli. The credit is due to Louis and nobody else. Louis is now the big shot and he is not going to let the other Republican workers forget it."

Herb Always Did Know How To Rap The Brass

Herbert G. Moore, former editor of the Ardmore Chronicle, used to write biting editorials that made socially prominent Main Liners squirm.

Apparently, he is still doing it. When Moore left the Chronicle he became a public relations lieutenant in the Army. In a recent article appearing in Liberty magazine Moore, who has been discharged and is working for the Red Cross, criticizes the soft life of brass hats in the States.

"A man is often rated," he says, "by the number of telephones on his desk and the number of blondes in his office."

Referring to his own work in Washington Moore says he spent the whole day clipping newspapers to furnish a general's wife with a full account of her husband's exploits overseas.

Summer Robberies — Or Is It The Heat....?

Police of Lower Merion and Haverford Townships were as surprised as some of the newspaper editors in Philadelphia to see that story about the campaign they are opening up against vacation thieves.

The truth is that the same campaign has been going on for some years. Every year so many residents go away for vacations and every year Main Line police make it a matter of duty to watch vacant homes.

This year in both Lower Merion and Haverford the work is a little lighter. Because of transportation and other good wartime reasons many citizens are spending their vacations at home.

The only new feature of the "Summer crime wave" is that police are distributing warning circulars and the auxiliary police, composed of American Legion members, are on duty.

Maybe Chief Gearhart Could Be Drafted

As predicted in the "Listening In" column of this publication more than two months ago Lower Merion's police chief, Samuel W. Gearhart, may be offered the wardenship of the Eastern State Penitentiary.

The tipoff (also two months ago) came when the chief was appointed a trustee of Eastern Pen on the recommendation of Joseph N. Pew, Jr., Republican benefactor and Ardmore resident. The tipoff was Pew's interest in Gearhart.

The latest straw in the wind was a Gearhart promotion article that appeared in a local newspaper last week. It indicated substance to the rumor.

There may be other reasons why Gearhart just as soon make a change. He is not as happy in Lower Merion as he was during the days when first brought here by Julius Ziegl, president of the township board. In those days Ziegl was in complete control and a strong majority of commissioners was backing him up and his new police chief.

Now there is a new picture. Ziegl is on the sidelines. Even Dr. Frank P. K. Barker, present governing head, will be displaced after the first of the year. Also five new commissioners will start four year terms in 1946. Although Gearhart may have done a good job as police chief there are indications that his next year will be the hardest.

Gearhart has given out the usual "not interested" replies to the

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Borough Only Successful Attempt To Divide Township

Narberth's celebration of its 50th anniversary recalls to memory previous attempts to divide Lower Merion Township. It would seem that Narberth was the only place which got away with division.

In 1879 an effort was made to divide Lower Merion into two townships. It was asserted that the township was too large for efficient government. A commission which the court appointed heard the views of citizens and recommended that the township be divided along a line running Southwest from the mouth of Mill Creek to the Delaware County line. In accordance with law, the issue was submitted to a vote at an election on June 12, 1880, and was defeated 329 to 112.

In 1895 a movement was started to obtain borough government for Bryn Mawr. The question was discussed at a public meeting at which John H. Converse presided. Sentiment against the project was so strong that no further effort was made to put it into effect.

Narberth is the only one of the various Lower Merion communities that preferred borough to township government. It was incorporated in 1895—prior to enactment of the first-class township law. Half the borough of West Conshohocken was taken out of Lower Merion at its incorporation in 1874.

New Teachers Are Announced at L. M.

Eight Will Not Return To Lower Merion Schools for 1945-46

Nine teachers have been secured for the various schools in Lower Merion township and eight teachers will not return to their teaching duties for the forthcoming school year. It was announced by P. A. DuBois, school superintendent.

Those who are joining the teaching staff are: Christine Anna Appleby, Ardmore Junior High School; Mabel A. Flinn, Bala School; Cecelia Elizabeth Gray, Senior High School; Elmer D. S. Hall, Ardmore Junior High School; Melvina M. McAllister, Penn Wynne School; Elizabeth Russell, Bryn Mawr School; Ivan H. Raffensperger, Bala School; Joseph H. School; Harold W. Speller, Senior High School; and Mary Elizabeth Vogdes, Wynwood Road School.

Those teachers who will not return are: Jean M. Burns, Bala School; Edward Junior High School emergency, contract not renewed; Virginia M. Clair, Merion Sq. School, contract not renewed; Marie Mary Plegal, Bala School, secured another situation; Elaine N. Krenner, Senior High School emergency, contract not renewed; Joan Smith, Ardmore Junior High School, secured another situation; Mary Elizabeth Thinnin, Ardmore Junior High School, secured another situation; George W. Weber, Senior High School emergency, for further study and Susanne H. Wiest, Ardmore Junior High School, secured another situation nearer home.

War Bond Sales Nearing Quota

L. M.-Narberth Reach 95 Per Cent of Goal; County 85 Per Cent

Through July 2 the total sale of "E" bonds in the Seventh War Loan drive for Montgomery County were 84 per cent, it was announced by Robert R. Titus, county chairman of the drive.

The Lower Merion-Narberth District has accounted for 95 per cent of its "E" bond quota of \$1,484,000 of the entire quota which is \$2,968,000. Total sales in Lower Merion-Narberth as of July 2 now stand at \$5,999,425.

According to Chairman Titus "Montgomery County still has a chance to reach its quota of \$8,000,000 but to do so every possible sale must be processed before July 7."

Lower Merion-Narberth has doubled its quota which has done much to send the county sales up. Mr. Titus has issued an appeal to the community chairman for "prompt clearance of all bond sales including all industrial companies which maintain payroll deduction set-ups for employees and officials. If all sales are processed on or before Thursday the county will be able to go over the top of its \$8,000,000 quota."

He also stated that reports from community chairman indicate that every local bond drive organization throughout the county is doing everything possible to assure effective and complete cleanup activities for the sales in the E-Bond market.

Last week at the war bond premiere movie showings the Suburban reported ticket sales of \$235,425, the Seville ticket sales were

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16,445 Visitors At County Park During July 4

Record Throng At Green Lane With 3,767 Picnickers and 3,189 Parked Autos

Park Superintendent Otto Quinke of the Upper Merion Valley Park, Green Lane, reported the largest crowd of the 1945 season yesterday with a total of 16,445 visitors.

There were 3,767 picnickers and 3,189 automobiles were parked in the recreation reservation. No accidents were reported during the day.

All picnic tables in the park had been reserved on Saturday, June 30, according to Mr. Quinke, but on Monday and Tuesday of this week a total of 510 calls were received at the Park headquarters seeking table space. Most of these were accommodated, by persons who had reserved tables, sharing them with late comers.

Superintendent Quinke was loud in his praise today of the manner in which Montgomery County visitors who visited the park yesterday cooperated in its operation, all of whom, he said, exhibited the best of sportsmanship. The Superintendent said he was deeply appreciative of this help in view of war time conditions when the park is being operated with a decreased personnel.

A detail of State Police from the Collectville barracks arrived at the Park about noon to aid in keeping traffic lanes open. The throngs became so dense at times that it was necessary to operate one-way traffic at some points.

Peak Day In 1942

Drawing Today To Break Tie For Councilman

Three Republicans are in a three-way tie for two Democratic nominations of councilman in Narberth Borough.

They are Sterling Chain, Roland Flier and Walter Fox. There are four vacancies for Narberth Borough Council. Kenneth L. M. Pray and Henry P. Carr have clear majorities to have their names placed on the Democratic ballot for two of the vacancies. A drawing is necessary before the tie is broken and it is decided who the other candidates will be.

Republican candidates nominated for councilman in the June 19 primary are Fox, Carr, Chain and William S. Thompson.

The drawing will be held today in the Montgomery County Court House at Norristown.

Peter Reilly Dies; City Book Dealer

Man Succumbs To Double Pneumonia on Way to Hospital

Solemn requiem mass for Peter Reilly, 65, veteran Philadelphia book dealer, was celebrated Saturday morning at St. Colman's Church, Ardmore.

Mr. Reilly, who was for 20 years treasurer of the Booksellers' Association of Philadelphia, died last Wednesday on the way to Hahnemann Hospital. He was stricken the day before at his home, 25 St. Paul's Rd., Ardmore, by what was diagnosed as double pneumonia.

A native Philadelphian, Mr. Reilly for 45 years operated a book store and publishing firm at 123 N. 13th St. He was a graduate of Central High School and attended Hahnemann Medical College. Before completing his medical education, he went into business. He was a charter member of the Booksellers' Association and a former president.

Mr. Reilly is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine E. Reilly; a daughter, Mrs. Albert S. Huver, and a sister, Mrs. Edward Murray. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

School Tax Issue Delayed Until Fall

Tuition for Narberth Pupils Won't Be Computed Till Fall

The Lower Merion School District will have to wait until the fall to fix its tuition costs for Narberth pupils attending the Lower Merion schools, it has been announced.

The reason given for this delay is that calculations concerning the tuition for Narberth pupils have to be submitted to the State Department and approved. The financial report of the school district will be in by August 1 but since there will be many hundreds of financial and tuition reports to be reviewed, it will probably take longer than expected.

The Borough of Narberth was notified by the Lower Merion School Board that the cost of tuition would have to be raised from \$125 to approximately \$130 because of increased costs of operation.

In view of this demand the Narberth School Board figured the tax rate in order to meet the increased costs. It had been hoped by the Narberth Board that the definite figure would soon be set so they would know just where they stood.

After the financial and tuition reports have been approved by the State Department, the Lower Merion Board and the Narberth Borough School Board will confer on this increased school cost.

Hearing Is Set

July 11 has been set for the date on the hearing on the tract of land proposed for Rosemont 12th St. The petition was filed on June 25 and George K. Brecht, Warren M. Cornell and Will D. Hittner were appointed as the jury of viewers.

Narberth Sailor Sees His Brother as Ships Meet at Sea

Richard H. Narrihan, Seaman first class, USCGR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Y. Narrihan, of 505 Haverford Ave., Narberth, had the opportunity of a lifetime during recent convoy duty aboard the Coast Guard manned Patrol Frigate attached to the Atlantic Fleet.

His ship was acting as escort for the group of merchant ships carrying supplies to the European Theater and as is customary the Patrol Frigate drew alongside a tanker to take on fuel. Narrihan noticed the name of the tanker and realized that his brother, Robert, a fireman in the U. S. Maritime Service, was aboard the ship that the Frigate was to fuel from.

Without losing a minute, Seaman Narrihan received permission from his commanding officer to send a message by blinker to his brother aboard the tanker.

By the time the escort was alongside the tanker both brothers were leaning far out and shouting greetings to one another. All hands were making every effort to help the two brothers meet in the middle of a vast ocean. From every where appeared all manner of

Deny Rumor Pew Controls Autocar

No Market Signs of Any Stock Movement, Says Wood

Rumors that Joseph N. Pew, Jr. or some of the Pew family affiliates were buying control of the Autocar Company of Ardmore were officially denied this week. The rumors, which have been persistent for the last three months, have prompted queries from banking and brokerage sources.

This week's rumor had it that Pew intended to move the Autocar plant to fill in the industrial gap when large government shipbuilding operations subside.

"Nothing to it, absolutely," declared Robert Fellows Wood, advertising manager of Autocar yesterday.

Autocar stock, he said, is listed on the New York Stock exchange and there have been no indications of any large stock movements.

Forty percent of Autocar stock is owned by Liberty Aircraft Corporation and the remaining 60 percent is scattered in thousands of small lots.

The natural buying approach, Wood pointed out, would be to buy the bloc owned by the Liberty Aircraft Corporation. Officials of the corporation, however, have denied any buying or selling of their Autocar stock.

One time owned a bloc of Autocar stock but sold it out in 1929.

Frank P. Croft Services Held

Complications From Gunshot Wound Caused Death

Funeral services for Frank P. Croft, Jr., who died in Norristown Hospital on Saturday were held on Monday at the Philadelphia Funeral Home in Woodland Cemetery.

Croft died of complications developing out of a gunshot wound in his head received when he was 11, when he and a playmate were shooting rabbits in Merion. He had been in the hospital for the past nine years.

Mr. Croft attended Penn Charter School, from 1917 to 1936. He operated a farm at Port Kennedy near Valley Forge. He was a member of several clubs, including Penn Athletic Club and Plymouth Country Club. He was the son of late State Senator Croft of Montgomery County.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Brosius Croft; two brothers Joseph B. of Phoenixville and Samuel of Bryn Mawr; and a sister, Mrs. Howard E. Shore, Jr. of Haverford.

Exhibition To Continue In Library

An exhibit of old photographs, maps, newspapers and other historical material relating to Narberth, which was on display in the Scout Room of the Narberth Community Building on the 4th of July, will be continued for a week or two at the Community Library.

The photographs, maps, etc., were loaned by various residents in connection with the 50th anniversary of Narberth as a borough this year.

Pass Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed by the Lower Merion Board of Education on Monday night: that Henry R. Heebner be retained as solicitor during the fiscal year 1945-46 on the customary fee.

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Merion Man Given Two Year Sentence

Robert O. Carroll of Merion, president of the Chemical Research Foundation, Inc., of Wilmington, was sentenced to two years in prison on Tuesday on charges of violating the fraud and registration provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act in connection with the sale of stock for manufacture of facial salve.

He was also placed on probation three years after serving his sentence in consideration of the charge against his company.

Burgess Appointed Veteran's Aid

Narberth Man to Aid Service Men At Ration Board

George S. Burgess, 242 Hampden Ave., Narberth, has been appointed Veterans' Aid representative on the Ardmore War Price and Rationing Board. It was announced by Henry H. Harman, chairman of the board.

Burgess, a veteran of World War II, was honorably discharged about a year ago after long service in the Army, including Alaska and the Aleutians. He is junior vice-commander of the Narberth Legion Post and has volunteered for this aid to his fellow service men. He will be at the board's office, 63 E. Lancaster Ave., every Tuesday evening from 7 until 9:30 o'clock.

Further, Mr. Harman announced that a Veterans' Desk is being opened at the Ration Board office, which will be manned by volunteers during the office hours of the board, 9 to 3 daily, Saturday, 9 to 12, and on Tuesday evening. Sufficient volunteers have been secured so the idea was first promoted to keep this desk open throughout the week.

To give an idea of the increasing job as service men come home on furlough or are being discharged, it was stated that during June more than 250 gasoline furlough ration books were issued by the Ardmore Board, and 25 new ration books were issued to discharged men. The furlough ration also include extra ration points, blue points, sugar rations and the other allowances to which civilians have become accustomed.

The Veterans' Aid representative, first to be appointed in this section, will act as an advisor on OPA matters, not only personal rationing, but also businesses which the returning veteran may plan to enter and which are affected by rationing and raw material controls. If a discharged service man, or woman, goes into such businesses as food, restaurant, gasoline, fuel oil or heating, there are ceiling prices and other government regulations which must be studied, and on which the Ardmore Board is equipped to render full aid.

With the opening of a Veterans' Desk at the Ration Board, one person will handle all the requirements of the returned service man, making it unnecessary for him to wait a turn at each of the various departments of the Board.

Services Held for Mrs. Rob't J. Weir

Roberta Cleaver Died of Injuries Received Tuesday

Services for Mrs. Roberta Cleaver Weir, wife of Corporal Robert J. Weir, who died Tuesday at the Osteopathic Hospital as the result of an accident at the home of her sister, Shirley, 1606 Powder Mill Rd., Wynnewood, were held at 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, July 3, from 2935 Chestnut Street, Shaw 27.

Mrs. Weir was graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1936. She attended Beaver College and the University of Delaware, from which she graduated in 1940. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Prior to her marriage four years ago, she was employed as a clerk at Pennsylvania Lyne-In Hospital.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Weir was survived by a son, Robert Charles, 3, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cleaver, of 5707 Kottelwood Rd., Merion; a brother, Charles Cleaver, Jr., and four sisters, Lieutenant Helen Paul Cleaver, serving with the Waves at Alameda Naval Air Station, San Francisco; Mrs. Raymond Beck, Mrs. Joseph O. Crowley and Neve Davis, all of Merion. Burial was in Westminster Cemetery, West Broomall.

Alfred Buschendorf Succumbs In Hospital

Alfred Buschendorf, 39, husband of Mrs. Frances Taylor Buschendorf, of 1331 Maryland Ave., Manoa, died June 25 in the Osteopathic Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was a surgical patient, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Thursday at the J. Harry Stroud Funeral Home in West Philadelphia. Interment took place in Glenwood Cemetery, Broomall.

A resident of Manoa for six years, Mr. Buschendorf was in the china business with Fidler, Bruce and Company of Philadelphia for several years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Manoa.

Surviving besides his widow are a daughter, Marjorie, 7, a son, Peter, Alan, 2, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buschendorf, of Killingsworth, Conn.

Baby, Pet and Hobby Shows Draw Crowd; Money Awards Given

Observance Largest Since Beginning of the War; Winners of Races, Sports Contests, Exhibits and Show Are Announced

Narberth staged one of its largest wartime celebrations on July 4th.

More than 2,000 persons, many of them from other Main Line towns, visited the Community Playgrounds during the course of the day.

Sidelights on A Successful Celebration

While everyone in Narberth was busy with sports, pet shows, refreshments, and baby shows, on Wednesday several incidents were seen on the playground, that made it a typical children's day. There were the judges of the baby show, trying vainly to see the contestants through the throng of children who crowded into the ring.

There was the little boy who practiced so hard for his race that he was all played out when it came time for him to run.

There was the little boy who, when asked where his mother was, pointed with assurance to the vast throng around the raceway.

There was the group of older men who had a fine time playing horseshoes with calm concentration while all the children were running around, shouting and laughing.

There was a group of Philadelphians of whom several have just been released from Japanese prison camps, who entertained a large audience with native music on their guitars. One member of the U. S. Navy, possessed several campaign ribbons.

County to Rebuild Montgomery Ave.

Project Listed for Haverford and Bala-Cynwyd

Improvement of two sections of Montgomery Ave. at a cost of \$9200, was authorized by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners last week.

Work is expected to start within the next few weeks. The sections are from City Line Ave. to the bridge of Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Bala-Cynwyd and from Cheswood La. to Old Lancaster Rd. in Haverford.

Improvement of the two sections was authorized by the commissioners as part of their summer program which includes nine major projects.

Fred C. Peters, Ardmore, is president of the Montgomery County governing board. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges C. O. Cooke will be in charge of the work.

Other projects authorized were: Riden Rd., from Norristown to Butler Pk. Cost \$4,100, for 39,000 square yards.

Second St. Pk., Abington, from Traffic Route 163 to Susquehanna Rd. Cost \$1,300, for 6,600 square yards.

Easton Rd., from Edges Hill Rd. to Jenkinson Rd. Cost \$2,400, for 21,075 square yards.

Knights Rd., Upper Hanover Township, from Gravel Pk. to Polittown - Pennsylvania Highway. Cost \$4,900, for 24,386 square yards.

Unionville Pk., from Hatfield to Bethlehem Pk. Cost \$1,300, for 11,000 square yards.

Telford Pk., from Harleysville Pk. to Telford. Cost \$800, for 6,400 square yards.

Montgomeryville Pk., from Welsh Rd. to Bethlehem Pk. Cost \$1,600, for 12,800 square yards.

Junior Corps Aids At Red Cross Canteen

Members of the Main Line Branch Red Cross Junior Service Corps are working one day a week in the Canteen during the Summer. The following girls are helping to prepare and serve lunch: Dorothy Solly, Betty Hopkings, Joan Eyre, Patsy Stevenson, Ann Sylvester.

Bob Troup's A Marine Captain Now, But He's Still A Showman

Somewhere in the Pacific, composer Bob Troup—Marine Captain Robert W. Troup, Jr. now — is bringing laughs and music to entertainment-starved Marines with a "sock" band of Negro Marines he brought overseas with him from Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Four years ago, Troup was stopping student shows at the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1941. A few days ago, he was in the final stage of an outdoor theater, Troup and his band held a stonking, laughing Marine audience to their singing songs despite a constant threat of rain.

Many of the tunes were Troup's own compositions. Some he wrote at Camp Lejeune, where he was recreation officer for Negro Ma-

They came from as far away as Malvern, Overbrook and sections of Philadelphia to see the royal concerts and exhibits that has made the wartime Fourth of July observance as famous as the fireworks shows of former years.

Baby shows which included awards for the fairest, the one the curliest hair, the most winning smile and the most serious drew the largest crowd and the most applause.

Money awards were given in most of the contests and exhibits. Several hundred dollars were given away during the morning and afternoon.

Pet, hobby and curio shows were features of the afternoon's program. Pet shows and curio shows were available throughout the day.

Sports Events

Part one of the Baby Show, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Gold, assisted by Mrs. Austin Hartzell, was for children from two to five years of age. Prizes were awarded to Charles Peters, the fairest; Trudy Kennedy, who had the curliest hair; Nickie McCormick, the most serious; and to Patsy Horsley, who had the most captivating smile.

Part two, for children from five to 10 years of age, had prizes for costumes; the funniest, Bobby and Gail Bennett who were a

